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1. No changes in the occupation of the Schuetzen Kaserne on Bernauerstrasse, Eberswalde (N 53/V 08), were observed between 2 and 5 January 1951. About 80 percent of the barracks windows visible from the outside were lighted on the evening of 5 January. A laborer employed there said that the installation was occupied to capacity. The strength and the branches of service of the various units quartered there could not be determined. AAA troops seemed to have constituted the largest contingent of troops who have been quartered there since the fall of 1950, when the installation was reported to have been fully occupied. The order of strength of the other troops quartered there seemed to be AT artillerymen, tank troops, rocket launcher troops, signal troops and motorized infantry troops, in that sequence. A general was seen riding in sedan [REDACTED] and a colonel in sedan [REDACTED] the latter car driven by a soldier with red-bordered red epaulets. Other motor vehicles seen in the billeting area were [REDACTED] An envelope found at the installation on 2 January bore [REDACTED] (*)

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2. About 80 percent of the windows in two barracks buildings of the Artillerie Kaserne on Freienwalderstrasse were lighted on the evening of 4 January, while windows in all other barracks buildings were fully lighted. The conclusion which might be drawn from this fact, that the installation was occupied to capacity with about 4,000 men, was doubted by source because of other contradicting observations. Source thought that half of the troops in the Artillerie Kaserne were tank troops while the other half belonged to motorized infantry, mortar, and AT artillery units. The singing of marching units and the shouting of commands were heard from the drill fields of both sections of the billeting area on 5 January. No troops were seen leaving the installation. Only a few motor vehicles were seen, including trucks [REDACTED] Fragments of letters which were found at the installation on 5 January bore [REDACTED] (*)

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3. Soviet military personnel were observed in the former administration buildings of the Ardelt plant, in six tenement houses on Boldstrasse, in the buildings on the northeastern premises of the plant, and in the private houses of the Ardelt family south of the plant. An officers' mess, two general's apartments and a newly constructed athletic field

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were allegedly located on the former property of the Ardelt family. Judging from the traffic of personnel and vehicles, source thought that a high-echelon headquarters was located in the administration buildings of the plant. Five different generals were seen. The roof of one of the administration buildings carried an antenna system. The tenements on Boldtstrasse were used as officers' billets. Their basements housed workshops and a motion picture exchange. Source believed that the rear-echelon sections and the motor pool of the high-echelon headquarters were located in the northeastern portion of the plant area. Four buses, 14 trucks and 35 passenger cars with [REDACTED] were counted there on one day. These figures did not include motor vehicles of other units which were parked temporarily at the administration buildings or on the parking lots. Motor vehicles seen in traffic at the Ardelt Plant on 3 January were [REDACTED]

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25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] belongs to the 17th Gds Mecz Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, which was previously confirmed in Eberswalde until 24 December 1950. [REDACTED] was previously reported from Eberswalde.

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25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The information gathered by source during prolonged periods of observation is generally credible. According to all documents which have been obtained from the three installations in Eberswalde, it is believed that two regiments of the unidentified AAA division of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, a headquarters AT artillery unit, possibly a regiment, of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army with [REDACTED] the 82nd Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 6th Gds Mecz Div, elements of which may also be located in the Artillerie Kaserne, the 312th Gds RL Regt and the 118th Sig Regt both of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army are quartered in the Schuetzen Kaserne; the 17th Gds Mecz Regt and other elements of the 6th Gds Mecz Div in the Artillerie Kaserne; and the Hq Fourth Gds Mecz Army with its administrative section and motor pool in the Ardelt Plant.

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